

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/731,769 Confirmation No. 4261  
Applicant : Robert A. KIRKEN  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
For : Methods for Selectively Inhibiting Janus Tyrosine Kinase 3 (JAK3)

TC/A.U. : 1614  
Examiner : Brian Yong S. KWON

Customer No.: 23505  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 2105-00401  
Date: April 10, 2006

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 15, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

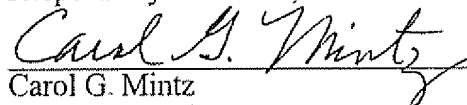
Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated March 15, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-33 are subjected to a restriction/election requirement. In reply, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I(a)**, claims 1-8, 10-12 and 29-31.

With respect to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Applicants submit that the statement: "[a] telephone call was made to David A. Cherry on February 08, 2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made" is in error. There is no practitioner by that name associated with this application.

Applicants believe that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, and that no fee is due. If any necessary fee has been inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas, Deposit Account No. 03-2769, and consider this a petition for any necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,



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